IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) | |
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| | : | Examiner: Madeleine Anh Vinh Nguyen |
| MINORU KUSAKABE ET AL. |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 2625 |
| Application No.: 09/671,623 |) | |
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| For: IMAGE PROCESSING |) | |
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the *Ex parte Quayle* Office Action dated September 11, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows: